

MARRIAGES, DIVORCES, AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

SUMMARY

There were 49,841 marriages, 25,981 divorces, and 2,826 domestic partnerships registered in New Jersey in 2004. There were 5.7 marriages and 3.0 divorces per 1,000 population. There were 0.4 domestic partnerships per 1,000 adult population. Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

OVERVIEW

The number of marriages in New Jersey declined 0.8% from 2003 to 2004, while the number of divorces decreased 5.2%. Between 1984 and 2004, the ratio of marriages to population fell 31% while that for divorce decreased 21% (Table MD1 and Figure MD1).

MARRIAGES

Age

The median ages of all brides and grooms, including first-time brides and grooms, have changed little over the past few years. The median ages of brides and grooms in 2004 were 29.8 and 32.2 years, respectively; a four year increase over 1984. The median ages of first-time brides and grooms in 2004 were 27.6 and 29.4 years, respectively; three years older than in 1984 (Table MD2 and Figure MD2). The proportion of first-time brides and grooms who were less than 25 years of age or who were less than 20 years of age has been stable recently. Between 1984 and 2004, however, the proportion of first-time brides and grooms under the age of 25 decreased over 50% and the proportion under 20 years of age decreased over 60% (Table MD3 and Figure MD3).

Brides were younger than grooms in 64% of marriages. In about one-quarter of marriages, brides were older than grooms. Age differences were more likely and, on average, were larger in marriages where one or both participants had been married before. For example, in nearly three-quarters of first marriages, the bride and groom were within five years of each other in age. This was true in fewer than half of marriages in which the bride or groom or both had been previously married. There was an age difference of ten or more years in 6% of first marriages compared to 23% of marriages in which one or both participants had been married before (Table MD6).

Previous marital status

The proportion of brides who were marrying for the first time rose slightly between 2003 and 2004 to 72.7%, while among grooms this proportion declined somewhat to 70.8%. Among both brides and grooms in 2004, about one quarter had a previous marriage which ended in divorce (Table MD4 and Figure MD4).

First time brides are likely to marry first time grooms. For example, more than 80% of first time brides married a groom who had not been previously married. Among divorced brides, nearly half married a divorced groom. Yet widows were more likely to marry divorced men than widowed men, reflecting gender differences in both age at marriage and life expectancy (Table MD7 and Figure MD5).

Month

October was the most popular month for marriages in 2004 (12.0%), followed by June (10.7%), August (10.6%), September (10.5%), July (10.5%), and May (10.3%). January remained the least popular month for marriages (4.2%) (Table MD8).

County

Marriage ratios are calculated based on the resident population of the area where the marriage occurred. Cape May County continued to have the highest marriage ratio in 2004 (11.7 per 1,000 population) while Bergen and Essex Counties had the most marriages (4,887 and 4,752, respectively) (Table MD9).

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Background

Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004 ([P.L.2003, c.246](#) and [BVS](#)). Couples wishing to register a domestic partnership must be same sex couples at least 18 years of age or opposite sex couples who are both 62 years of age or older. Couples must meet the following requirements:

1. Share a common residence in New Jersey or any other jurisdiction provided that at least one of the applicants is a member of a New Jersey State-administered retirement system;
2. Both persons are jointly responsible for each other's common welfare as evidenced by joint financial arrangements or joint ownership of real or personal property;
3. Both persons agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses during the domestic partnership;
4. Neither applicant is in a marriage recognized by New Jersey law or is a member of another domestic partnership;
5. Neither person is related to the other by blood or affinity up to and including the fourth degree of consanguinity;
6. Neither applicant has terminated another domestic partnership within the last 180 days. (This prohibition shall not apply when the previous partnership ended due to the death of the other partner).

Overview

There were 1,665 female-female, 1,116 male-male, and 45 male-female partnerships registered in New Jersey in 2004 (Table MD14). One partnership was dissolved in 2004 ([NJJ](#)).

Age

The median ages of partners at time of registration were 45.6 years for female-female partners, 46.8 years for male-male partners, and 69.0 years for male-female partners. About 40% of same sex partners were in their 40s at the time of registration (Table MD10 and Figure MD6).

Previous marital status

Most men and women entering same-sex partnerships in 2004 were never married. However, 19% of women in same sex partnerships were divorced, while the same was true of 11% of men. Among opposite-sex couples, nearly half were previously divorced, 36% were widowed, and 17% had never been married (Table MD13 and Figure MD7). While both partners in 80% of male-male partnerships had never been married, the same was true of only two-thirds of female-female partnerships. In one-quarter of female-female partnerships, one partner was divorced and one had never been married. That was the case in 16% of male-male partnerships. In 6% of female-female and 2% of male-male partnerships, both persons were divorced. Both persons were divorced in 31% of male-female partnerships, one was divorced and one widowed in 24%, and both were widowed in 18% (Table MD14 and Figure MD8).

Registration date

More than half of domestic partnerships registered in 2004 occurred in July (Table MD15 and Figure MD9). On the first day partnerships became effective, 479 were registered. The following Monday, 199 were registered, 105 on Tuesday, and 151 the following Friday. Registrations tapered off substantially after the first week.

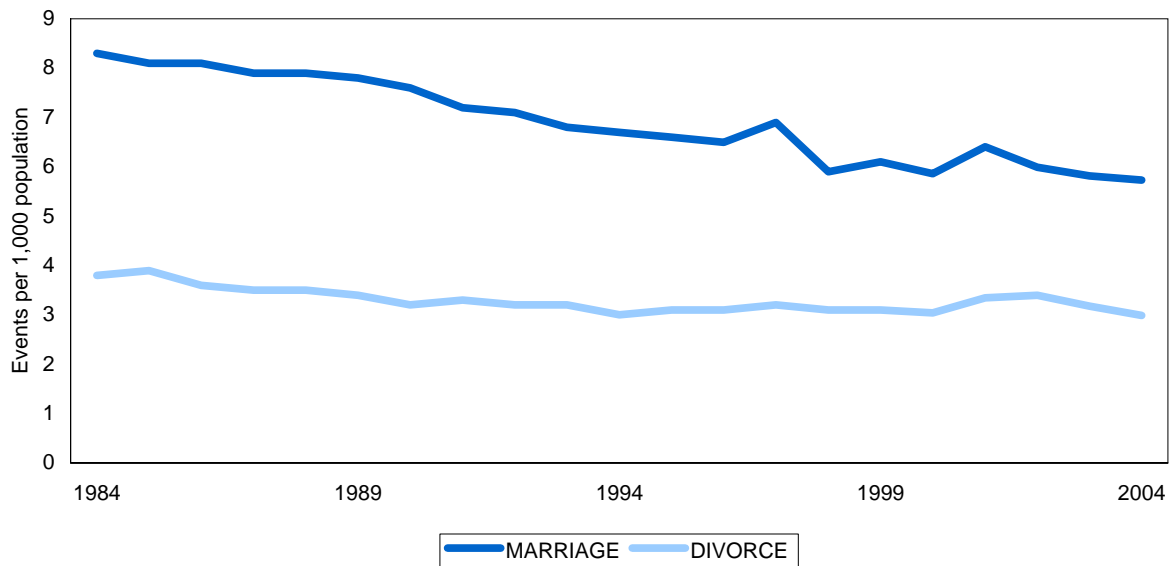
County

There were 43.2 domestic partnerships registered per 100,000 residents over the age of 18 years in New Jersey in 2004. The ratio was 48.8 for female-female partnerships and 35.6 for male-male partnerships. There were 3.4 male-female domestic partnerships per 100,000 residents aged 62 and over (Table MD16).

Among counties with enough registrations to calculate a reliable ratio, domestic partnership ratios ranged from 18.1 in Passaic County to 94.0 in Hunterdon County. Female-female partnership ratios ranged from 20.4 in Passaic to 100.0 in Hunterdon County. Male-male partnership ratios

ranged from 15.5 in Passaic to 85.6 in Hunterdon County. Essex County registered the most female-female (216) and male-male (174) partnerships while Salem County registered the fewest (8 and 4, respectively). Monmouth County registered the most male-female partnerships (9) while four counties did not register any (Table MD16).

**FIGURE MD1. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RATIOS
NEW JERSEY, 1984-2004**



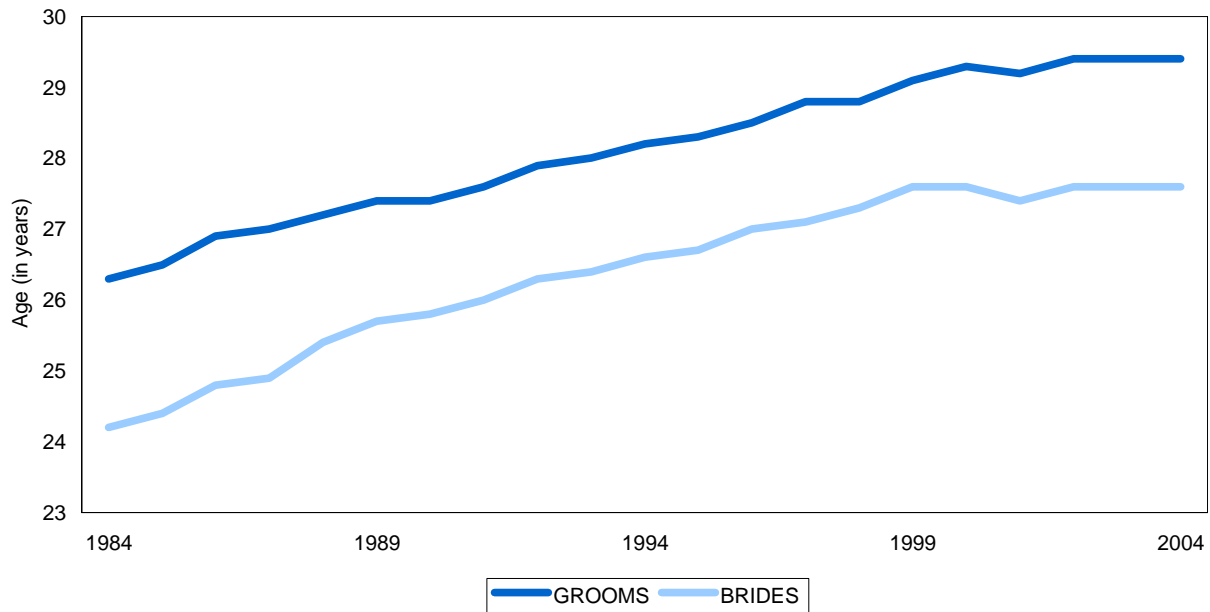
**TABLE MD1. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES
NEW JERSEY, 1984-2004**

YEAR	MARRIAGES		DIVORCES	
	NUMBER	RATIO	NUMBER	RATIO
1984	62,654	8.3	28,470	3.8
1985	61,189	8.1	29,295	3.9
1986	61,362	8.1	27,669	3.6
1987	60,550	7.9	27,222	3.5
1988	61,063	7.9	26,897	3.5
1989	60,076	7.8	26,059	3.4
1990	58,747	7.6	24,911	3.2
1991	55,832	7.2	25,686	3.3
1992	55,321	7.1	25,405	3.2
1993	53,505	6.8	24,784	3.2
1994	52,797	6.7	23,899	3.0
1995	52,208	6.6	24,293	3.1
1996	51,811	6.5	25,048	3.1
1997	55,467	6.9	25,537	3.2
1998	47,812	5.9	25,295	3.1
1999	49,421	6.1	25,181	3.1
2000	49,302	5.9	25,576	3.0
2001	54,536	6.4	28,495	3.3
2002	51,473	6.0	29,191	3.4
2003	50,228	5.8	27,419	3.2
2004	49,841	5.7	25,981	3.0
Percent Change 1984-2004	-20.5	-31.0	-8.7	-21.4

Ratios are computed per 1,000 resident population.

Divorce figures include divorce, nullity, and separate maintenance cases.

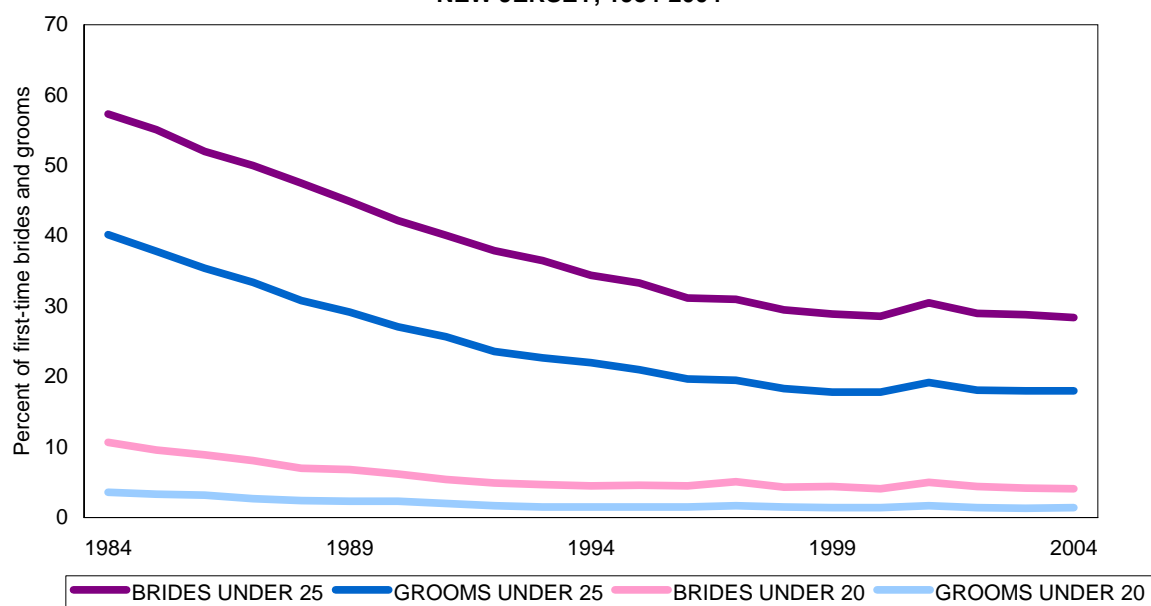
**FIGURE MD2. MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE
NEW JERSEY, 1984-2004**



**TABLE MD2. MEDIAN AGE AT MARRIAGE
NEW JERSEY, 1984-2004**

YEAR	ALL BRIDES	ALL GROOMS	FIRST-TIME BRIDES	FIRST-TIME GROOMS
1984	26.1	28.3	24.2	26.3
1985	26.4	28.5	24.4	26.5
1986	26.7	28.6	24.8	26.9
1987	26.9	28.8	24.9	27.0
1988	27.2	29.0	25.4	27.2
1989	27.4	29.1	25.7	27.4
1990	27.3	29.0	25.8	27.4
1991	27.6	29.4	26.0	27.6
1992	27.9	29.8	26.3	27.9
1993	28.1	29.9	26.4	28.0
1994	28.4	30.2	26.6	28.2
1995	28.5	30.4	26.7	28.3
1996	28.8	30.7	27.0	28.5
1997	29.0	31.0	27.1	28.8
1998	29.0	31.0	27.3	28.8
1999	29.4	31.3	27.6	29.1
2000	29.6	31.5	27.6	29.3
2001	29.6	31.6	27.4	29.2
2002	29.9	32.1	27.6	29.4
2003	29.9	32.1	27.6	29.4
2004	29.8	32.2	27.6	29.4
Increase (in years) 1984-2004	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.1

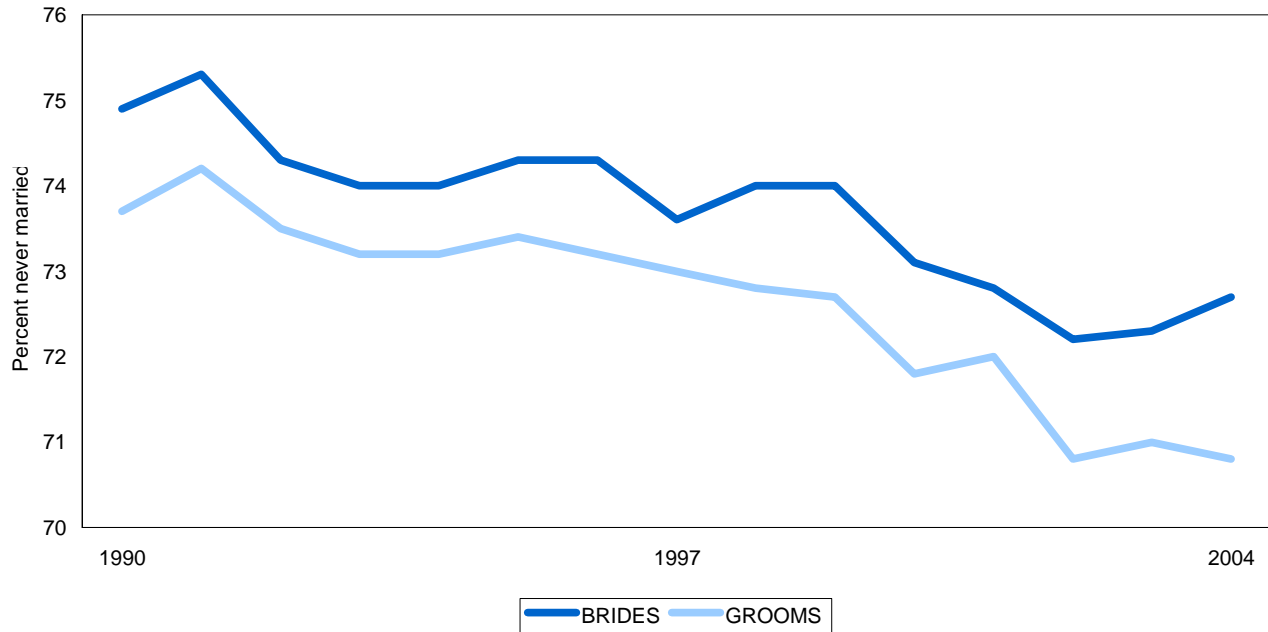
**FIGURE MD3. FIRST-TIME BRIDES AND GROOMS
UNDER 25 AND UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE
NEW JERSEY, 1984-2004**



**TABLE MD3. FIRST-TIME BRIDES AND GROOMS BY AGE
NEW JERSEY, 1984-2004**

YEAR	BRIDES		GROOMS	
	PERCENT UNDER 25	PERCENT UNDER 20	PERCENT UNDER 25	PERCENT UNDER 20
1984	57.3	10.7	40.2	3.6
1985	55.1	9.6	37.8	3.3
1986	52.0	8.9	35.4	3.2
1987	50.0	8.1	33.4	2.7
1988	47.5	7.0	30.8	2.4
1989	44.9	6.8	29.2	2.3
1990	42.2	6.2	27.1	2.3
1991	40.1	5.4	25.7	2.0
1992	37.9	4.9	23.6	1.7
1993	36.5	4.7	22.7	1.5
1994	34.4	4.5	22.0	1.5
1995	33.3	4.6	21.0	1.5
1996	31.2	4.5	19.7	1.5
1997	31.0	5.1	19.5	1.7
1998	29.5	4.3	18.3	1.5
1999	28.9	4.4	17.8	1.4
2000	28.6	4.1	17.8	1.4
2001	30.5	5.0	19.2	1.7
2002	29.0	4.4	18.1	1.4
2003	28.8	4.2	18.0	1.3
2004	28.4	4.1	18.0	1.4
Percent Change 1984-2004	-50.4	-61.7	-55.2	-61.1

**FIGURE MD4. FIRST-TIME BRIDES AND GROOMS
AS A PERCENT OF ALL BRIDES AND GROOMS
NEW JERSEY, 1990-2004**



**TABLE MD4. MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
NEW JERSEY, 1990-2004**

YEAR	NUMBER OF MARRIAGES	BRIDES			GROOMS		
		PERCENT NEVER MARRIED	PERCENT DIVORCED	PERCENT WIDOWED	PERCENT NEVER MARRIED	PERCENT DIVORCED	PERCENT WIDOWED
1990	58,747	74.9	22.8	2.4	73.7	23.9	2.4
1991	55,832	75.3	22.3	2.5	74.2	23.2	2.6
1992	55,321	74.3	23.3	2.5	73.5	24.0	2.5
1993	53,505	74.0	23.6	2.4	73.2	24.4	2.4
1994	52,797	74.0	23.7	2.3	73.2	24.4	2.4
1995	52,208	74.3	23.3	2.4	73.4	24.3	2.3
1996	51,811	74.3	23.5	2.3	73.2	24.5	2.4
1997	55,467	73.6	24.1	2.3	73.0	24.6	2.3
1998	47,812	74.0	23.7	2.3	72.8	24.7	2.5
1999	49,421	74.0	23.6	2.4	72.7	24.8	2.5
2000	49,302	73.1	24.5	2.3	71.8	25.8	2.4
2001	54,536	72.8	24.9	2.2	72.0	25.9	2.1
2002	51,473	72.2	25.5	2.2	70.8	26.9	2.3
2003	50,228	72.3	25.5	2.2	71.0	26.8	2.2
2004	49,841	72.7	25.2	2.1	70.8	27.1	2.1
Percent Change 1990-2004	-15.2	-2.9	10.5	-12.5	-3.9	13.4	-12.5

**TABLE MD5. MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE AND AGE OF GROOM
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

AGE OF BRIDE	TOTAL	AGE OF GROOM											
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	NOT STATED
< 15	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-19	1,496	280	857	251	67	24	14	2	1	0	0	0	0
20-24	9,002	157	3,745	3,479	1,062	352	124	57	17	5	3	1	0
25-29	14,809	25	1,018	7,691	4,154	1,262	443	132	48	23	8	5	0
30-34	8,990	10	218	1,551	3,685	2,161	871	325	103	43	15	8	0
35-39	5,584	3	74	362	1,047	1,845	1,286	621	218	85	28	15	0
40-44	3,963	2	28	111	291	704	1,227	905	409	184	62	40	0
45-49	2,663	0	8	32	90	220	455	786	559	306	136	71	0
50-54	1,569	0	3	14	31	57	155	274	415	357	164	99	0
55-59	908	0	0	2	5	25	36	80	155	240	205	160	0
60-64	497	0	1	0	2	4	5	19	41	79	128	218	0
65+	352	0	0	0	1	2	4	2	4	13	32	294	0
NOT STATED	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	49,841	479	5,953	13,493	10,435	6,656	4,621	3,203	1,971	1,335	781	912	2

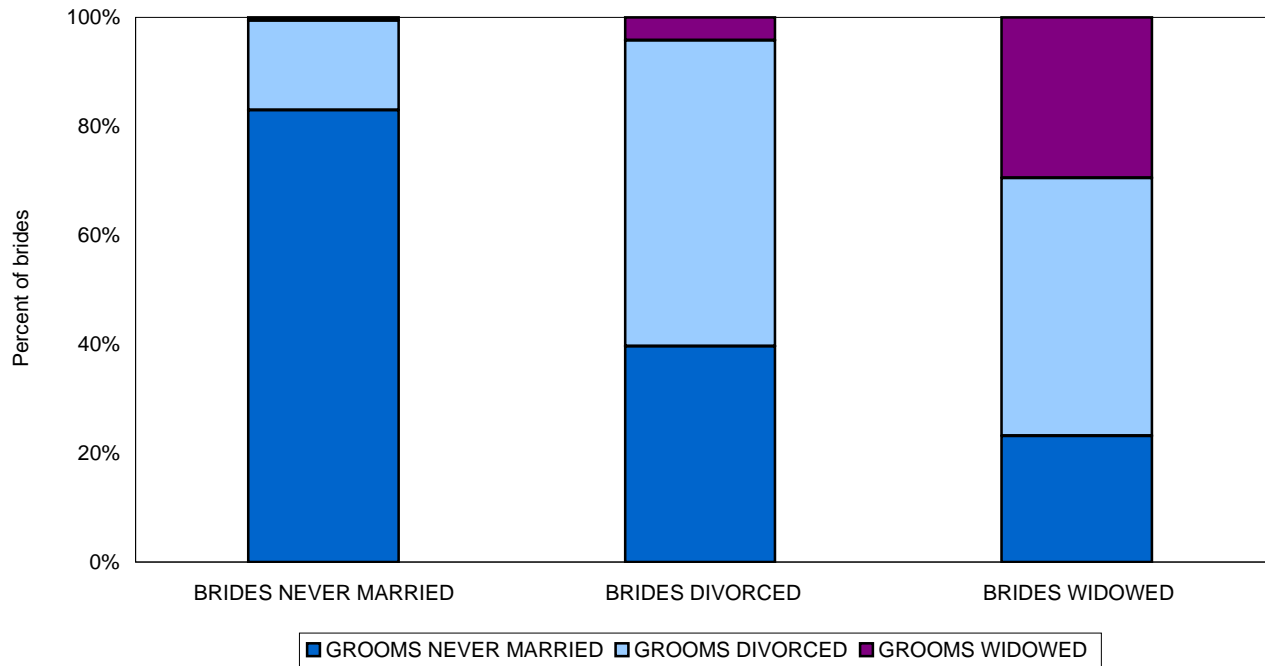
TABLE MD6. MARRIAGES BY DIFFERENCE IN AGES OF BRIDE AND GROOM

NEW JERSEY, 2004

BRIDE IS ... THAN GROOM	ALL MARRIAGES		FIRST MARRIAGES*		NOT FIRST MARRIAGES	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
30+ YEARS OLDER	8	0.0	1	0.0	7	0.0
25-29 YEARS OLDER	17	0.0	2	0.0	15	0.1
20-24 YEARS OLDER	70	0.1	13	0.0	57	0.3
15-19 YEARS OLDER	257	0.5	54	0.2	203	1.0
10-14 YEARS OLDER	767	1.5	208	0.7	559	2.8
5-9 YEARS OLDER	2,867	5.8	1,182	3.9	1,685	8.5
1-4 YEARS OLDER	8,616	17.3	5,324	17.7	3,292	16.6
SAME AGE	5,571	11.2	4,286	14.3	1,285	6.5
1-4 YEARS YOUNGER	17,488	35.1	12,688	42.2	4,800	24.2
5-9 YEARS YOUNGER	9,008	18.1	4,841	16.1	4,167	21.1
10-14 YEARS YOUNGER	3,348	6.7	1,071	3.6	2,277	11.5
15-19 YEARS YOUNGER	1,174	2.4	277	0.9	897	4.5
20-24 YEARS YOUNGER	411	0.8	74	0.2	337	1.7
25-29 YEARS YOUNGER	142	0.3	14	0.0	128	0.6
30+ YEARS YOUNGER	92	0.2	12	0.0	80	0.4
AGE UNKNOWN	5	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.0
TOTAL	49,841	100.0	30,047	100.0	19,794	100.0

* First marriage for both the bride and the groom. If either married before, in "not first marriages" column.

**FIGURE MD5. MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
NEW JERSEY, 2004**



**TABLE MD7. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE AND OF GROOM
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM				
	ALL GROOMS	NEVER MARRIED	DIVORCED	WIDOWED	NOT STATED
NUMBER					
NEVER MARRIED	36,228	30,047	5,948	230	3
DIVORCED	12,581	4,986	7,068	526	1
WIDOWED	1,024	237	483	302	2
NOT STATED	8	4	1	0	3
ALL BRIDES	49,841	35,274	13,500	1,058	9
PERCENTAGE					
NEVER MARRIED	100.0	82.9	16.4	0.6	0.0
DIVORCED	100.0	39.6	56.2	4.2	0.0
WIDOWED	100.0	23.1	47.2	29.5	0.2
NOT STATED	100.0	50.0	12.5	0.0	37.5
ALL BRIDES	100.0	70.8	27.1	2.1	0.0

TABLE MD8. MARRIAGES BY MONTH AND COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE

NEW JERSEY, 2004

COUNTY	TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
ATLANTIC	1,904	79	113	108	131	191	205	166	187	211	238	143	132
BERGEN	4,887	195	270	273	338	501	511	537	489	494	599	396	284
BURLINGTON	2,270	109	133	103	152	243	278	221	223	241	278	149	140
CAMDEN	2,814	119	145	143	215	302	279	280	307	295	318	255	156
CAPE MAY	1,182	25	43	42	84	136	154	107	121	183	183	61	43
CUMBERLAND	866	46	52	58	70	94	87	82	106	80	80	58	53
ESSEX	4,752	229	249	327	343	471	481	530	518	443	527	321	313
GLOUCESTER	1,432	53	78	69	101	153	168	142	150	161	189	93	75
HUDSON	4,036	210	233	308	341	396	372	399	401	370	412	275	319
HUNTERDON	578	22	34	15	31	72	75	50	58	75	78	35	33
MERCER	1,920	75	99	110	122	206	225	231	201	203	235	106	107
MIDDLESEX	3,696	166	146	216	279	380	365	426	398	382	425	283	230
MONMOUTH	3,876	128	170	161	278	405	429	415	468	462	509	262	189
MORRIS	2,768	98	126	127	188	300	323	287	328	285	359	191	156
OCEAN	2,870	107	153	156	176	302	340	284	302	339	350	206	155
PASSAIC	3,311	145	187	176	253	314	335	348	372	334	380	250	217
SALEM	348	13	27	17	23	35	37	41	40	28	46	21	20
SOMERSET	1,687	69	74	85	114	183	187	167	173	183	229	126	97
SUSSEX	773	25	24	23	53	87	90	109	69	91	115	57	30
UNION	3,396	187	204	234	248	308	336	351	349	344	342	267	226
WARREN	438	12	15	25	41	43	53	42	37	41	66	27	36
MILITARY	37	5	11	4	5	4	0	1	1	4	2	0	0
TOTAL	49,841	2,117	2,586	2,780	3,586	5,126	5,330	5,216	5,298	5,249	5,960	3,582	3,011
PERCENT	100.0	4.2	5.2	5.6	7.2	10.3	10.7	10.5	10.6	10.5	12.0	7.2	6.0

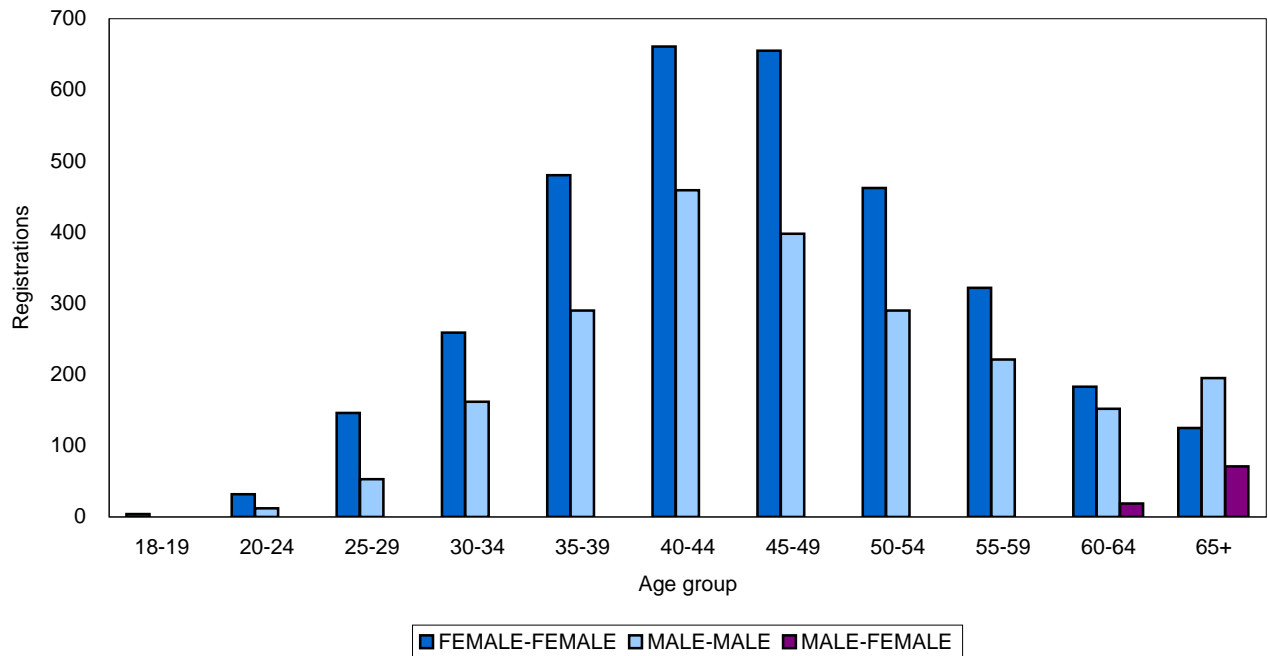
TABLE MD9. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES BY COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE
NEW JERSEY, 2004

COUNTY	MARRIAGES		DIVORCES	
	NUMBER	RATIO	NUMBER	RATIO
ATLANTIC	1,904	7.1	1,032	3.8
BERGEN	4,887	5.4	2,473	2.7
BURLINGTON	2,270	5.0	1,406	3.1
CAMDEN	2,814	5.5	1,406	2.7
CAPE MAY	1,182	11.7	266	2.6
CUMBERLAND	866	5.7	457	3.0
ESSEX	4,752	6.0	2,475	3.1
GLOUCESTER	1,432	5.3	849	3.1
HUDSON	4,036	6.7	2,314	3.8
HUNTERDON	578	4.5	368	2.8
MERCER	1,920	5.3	854	2.3
MIDDLESEX	3,696	4.7	2,288	2.9
MONMOUTH	3,876	6.1	1,641	2.6
MORRIS	2,768	5.7	1,487	3.0
OCEAN	2,870	5.2	1,484	2.7
PASSAIC	3,311	6.6	1,675	3.3
SALEM	348	5.3	185	2.8
SOMERSET	1,687	5.3	729	2.3
SUSSEX	773	5.1	470	3.1
UNION	3,396	6.4	1,774	3.3
WARREN	438	4.0	348	3.2
MILITARY	37	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	49,841	5.7	25,981	3.0

Ratios are computed per 1,000 resident population.

Divorce figures include divorce, nullity, and separate maintenance cases.

**FIGURE MD6. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY GENDER PAIR AND AGE
NEW JERSEY, 2004**



**TABLE MD10. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY GENDER PAIR AND AGE AT REGISTRATION
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

AGE GROUP	FEMALE-FEMALE		MALE-MALE		MALE-FEMALE		TOTAL	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
18-19	4	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.1
20-24	32	1.0	12	0.5	0	0.0	44	0.8
25-29	146	4.4	53	2.4	0	0.0	199	3.5
30-34	259	7.8	162	7.3	0	0.0	421	7.4
35-39	480	14.4	290	13.0	0	0.0	770	13.6
40-44	661	19.8	459	20.6	0	0.0	1,120	19.8
45-49	655	19.7	398	17.8	0	0.0	1,053	18.6
50-54	462	13.9	290	13.0	0	0.0	752	13.3
55-59	322	9.7	221	9.9	0	0.0	543	9.6
60-64	183	5.5	152	6.8	19	21.1	354	6.3
65+	125	3.8	195	8.7	71	78.9	391	6.9
NOT STATED	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
TOTAL	3,330	100.0	2,232	100.0	90	100.0	5,652	100.0
MEDIAN AGE	45.6		46.8		69.0		46.2	

Same sex partners must both be at least 18 years of age.

Opposite sex partners must both be 62 years of age or older.

Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

**TABLE MD11. FEMALE-FEMALE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY AGE AT REGISTRATION
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

AGE OF PARTNER B	AGE OF PARTNER A											TOTAL
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	
18-19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
20-24	1	3	13	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
25-29	1	2	30	14	11	9	2	0	0	0	0	69
30-34	1	2	17	43	38	24	9	1	1	1	0	137
35-39	0	1	9	28	78	80	23	18	5	1	0	243
40-44	0	0	4	25	65	101	74	32	12	4	1	318
45-49	0	0	4	7	24	72	119	70	28	14	2	340
50-54	0	0	0	1	14	34	54	64	30	17	8	222
55-59	0	1	0	1	4	18	30	40	42	25	10	171
60-64	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	10	23	25	13	80
65+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	16	30	61
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	3	10	77	122	237	343	315	240	151	103	64	1,665

Same sex partners must be at least 18 years of age.

Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

**TABLE MD12. MALE-MALE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY AGE AT REGISTRATION
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

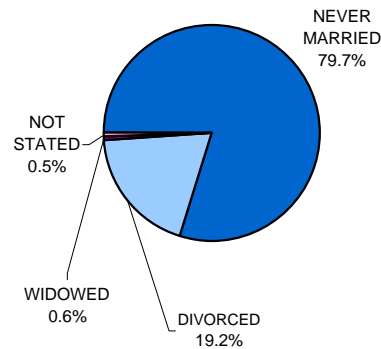
AGE OF PARTNER B	AGE OF PARTNER A											TOTAL
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	
20-24	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
25-29	0	1	8	6	6	6	1	1	1	0	0	30
30-34	0	1	4	24	22	28	13	4	1	1	1	99
35-39	0	0	8	21	44	42	19	7	6	2	1	150
40-44	0	0	0	7	39	83	46	29	11	11	2	228
45-49	0	0	2	2	23	50	44	46	24	10	5	206
50-54	0	0	0	0	4	13	37	30	33	10	11	138
55-59	0	0	0	1	0	6	18	14	22	21	19	101
60-64	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	13	12	15	19	68
65+	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	10	14	49	88
TOTAL	0	4	23	63	140	231	192	152	120	84	107	1,116

Same sex partners must be at least 18 years of age.

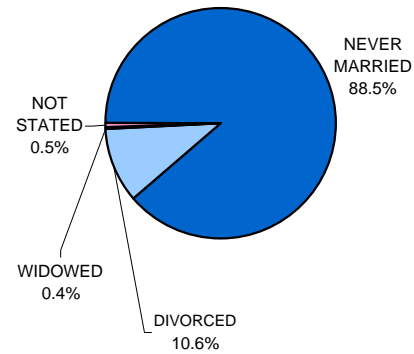
Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

**FIGURE MD7. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF PERSONS IN DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY GENDER PAIR
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

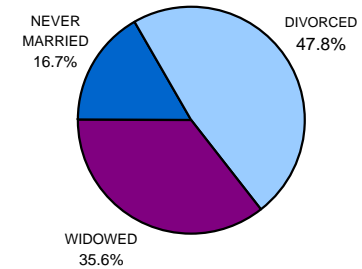
**PERSONS IN FEMALE-FEMALE
PARTNERSHIPS**



**PERSONS IN MALE-MALE
PARTNERSHIPS**



**PERSONS IN MALE-FEMALE
PARTNERSHIPS**

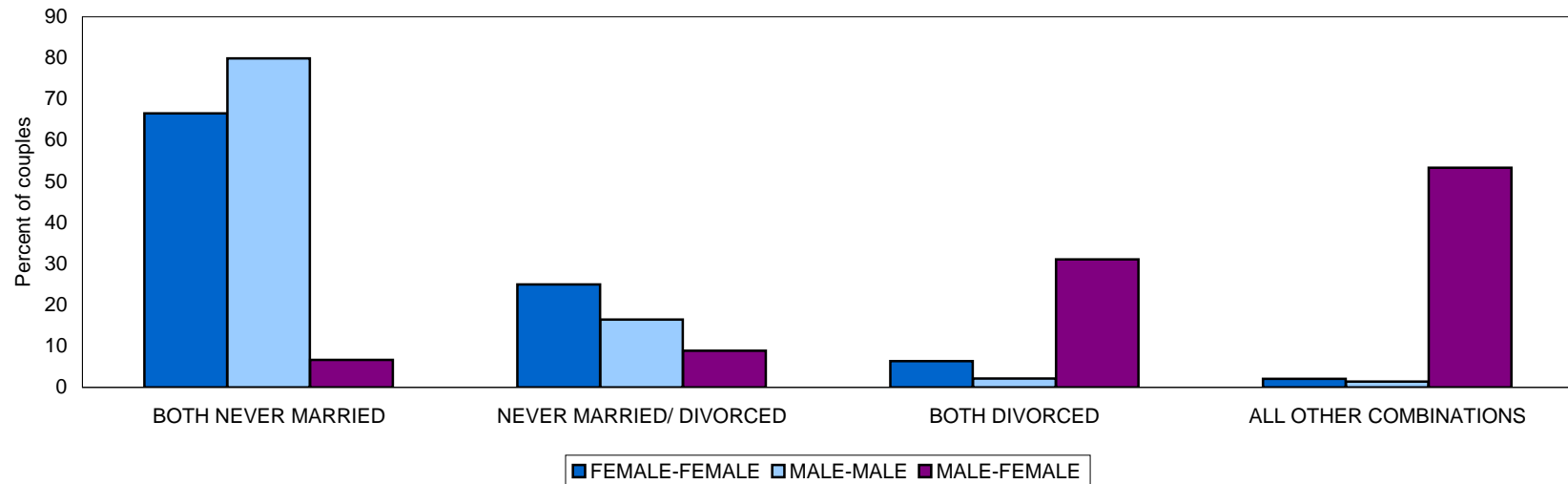


**TABLE MD13. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF PERSONS IN DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY GENDER PAIR
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS	FEMALE-FEMALE		MALE-MALE		MALE-FEMALE		TOTAL PERSONS	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
NEVER MARRIED	2,654	79.7	1,976	88.5	15	16.7	4,645	82.2
DIVORCED	638	19.2	236	10.6	43	47.8	917	16.2
WIDOWED	21	0.6	9	0.4	32	35.6	62	1.1
NOT STATED	17	0.5	11	0.5	0	0.0	28	0.5
TOTAL	3,330	100.0	2,232	100.0	90	100.0	5,652	100.0

Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

**FIGURE MD8. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY GENDER PAIR AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS COMBINATION
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

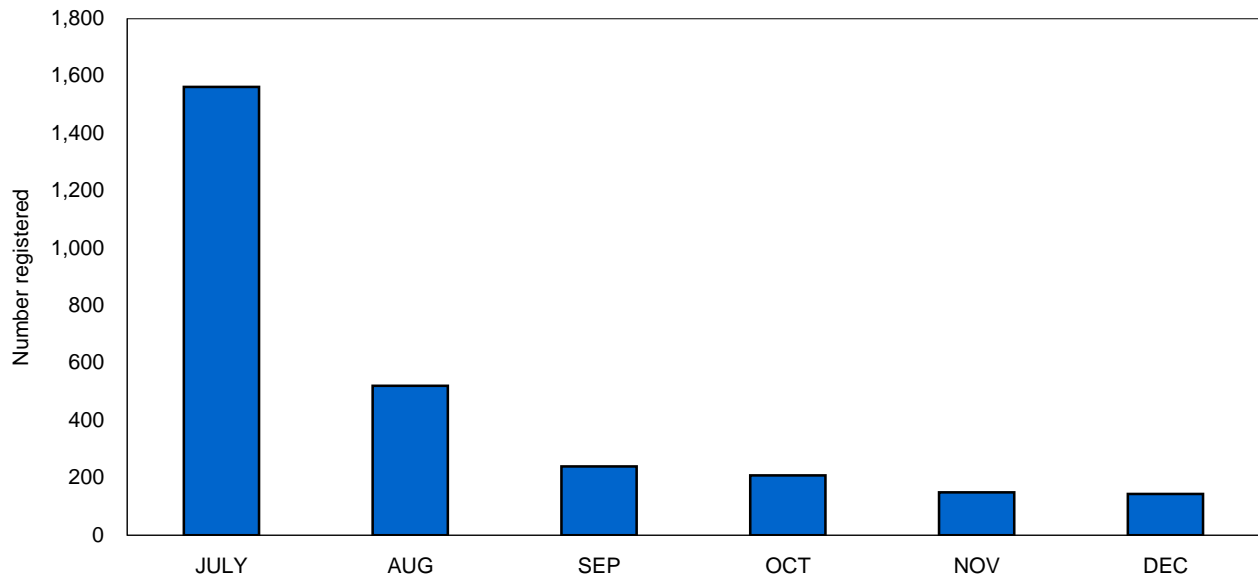


**TABLE MD14. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY GENDER PAIR AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS COMBINATION
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS COMBINATION	FEMALE-FEMALE		MALE-MALE		MALE-FEMALE		TOTAL COUPLES	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
BOTH NEVER MARRIED	1,108	66.5	892	79.9	3	6.7	2,003	70.9
BOTH DIVORCED	106	6.4	24	2.2	14	31.1	144	5.1
BOTH WIDOWED	0	0.0	1	0.1	8	17.8	9	0.3
NEVER MARRIED/DIVORCED	416	25.0	184	16.5	4	8.9	604	21.4
NEVER MARRIED/WIDOWED	14	0.8	5	0.4	5	11.1	24	0.8
NEVER MARRIED/NOT STATED	8	0.5	3	0.3	0	0.0	11	0.4
DIVORCED/WIDOWED	7	0.4	2	0.2	11	24.4	20	0.7
DIVORCED/NOT STATED	3	0.2	2	0.2	0	0.0	5	0.2
WIDOWED/NOT STATED	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
BOTH NOT STATED	3	0.2	3	0.3	0	0.0	6	0.2
TOTAL	1,665	100.0	1,116	100.0	45	100.0	2,826	100.0

Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

**FIGURE MD9. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY MONTH
NEW JERSEY, 2004**



**TABLE MD15. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY MONTH AND COUNTY OF REGISTRATION
NEW JERSEY, 2004**

COUNTY	TOTAL	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
ATLANTIC	102	49	26	9	8	3	7
BERGEN	228	140	37	15	16	13	7
BURLINGTON	144	86	28	8	11	6	5
CAMDEN	199	95	45	16	13	18	12
CAPE MAY	45	26	11	3	3	2	0
CUMBERLAND	39	20	9	3	4	1	2
ESSEX	392	245	52	43	22	10	20
GLOUCESTER	83	32	22	6	8	7	8
HUDSON	142	66	28	9	17	11	11
HUNTERDON	92	57	14	8	5	6	2
MERCER	156	94	23	11	14	8	6
MIDDLESEX	213	122	37	14	18	12	10
MONMOUTH	250	131	52	25	17	12	13
MORRIS	133	60	29	12	12	5	15
OCEAN	156	81	31	17	12	9	6
PASSAIC	66	25	15	11	4	7	4
SALEM	12	6	1	2	1	1	1
SOMERSET	117	51	20	14	14	11	7
SUSSEX	26	15	4	2	1	3	1
UNION	190	147	23	7	8	3	2
WARREN	41	15	14	5	0	2	5
TOTAL	2,826	1,563	521	240	208	150	144
PERCENT	100.0	55.3	18.4	8.5	7.4	5.3	5.1

Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

TABLE MD16. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS BY GENDER PAIR AND COUNTY OF REGISTRATION

NEW JERSEY, 2004

COUNTY	FEMALE-FEMALE		MALE-MALE		MALE-FEMALE		TOTAL	
	NUMBER	RATIO	NUMBER	RATIO	NUMBER	RATIO	NUMBER	RATIO
ATLANTIC	63	59.8	37	38.6	2	**	102	50.7
BERGEN	132	36.2	90	27.2	6	**	228	32.8
BURLINGTON	85	48.9	55	33.0	4	**	144	42.3
CAMDEN	116	57.8	82	45.5	1	**	199	52.2
CAPE MAY	27	64.7	17	**	1	**	45	56.9
CUMBERLAND	27	48.8	12	**	0	**	39	34.5
ESSEX	216	69.4	174	63.8	2	**	392	67.1
GLOUCESTER	50	46.7	31	31.8	2	**	83	40.5
HUDSON	49	20.5	90	39.7	3	**	142	30.5
HUNTERDON	50	100.0	41	85.6	1	**	92	94.0
MERCER	95	66.1	60	44.8	1	**	156	56.2
MIDDLESEX	148	48.3	62	21.4	3	**	213	35.7
MONMOUTH	143	57.9	98	43.1	9	**	250	52.7
MORRIS	73	38.5	59	33.3	1	**	133	36.2
OCEAN	111	48.9	41	20.7	4	**	156	36.7
PASSAIC	39	20.4	27	15.5	0	**	66	18.1
SALEM	8	**	4	**	0	**	12	**
SOMERSET	74	61.1	41	36.2	2	**	117	49.9
SUSSEX	14	**	11	**	1	**	26	23.1
UNION	118	56.7	72	38.4	0	**	190	48.0
WARREN	27	63.0	12	**	2	**	41	49.8
TOTAL	1,665	48.8	1,116	35.6	45	3.4	2,826	43.2

Same sex partners must be at least 18 years of age and opposite sex partners must be 62 years of age or older.

Domestic partnership became effective on July 10, 2004.

Ratios are computed per 100,000 gender-specific resident population 18 years of age and older except Male-Female which are computed per 100,000 resident population 62 years of age and older.

** Number is too small to calculate a reliable ratio.